

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION

Thursday, April 16, 2015, 6 pm
Roosevelt Junior High School, 350 West 200 South, Roosevelt, Utah

OFFICERS: President Mark Thacker presided with Board Members Bruce Timothy, Newell Richens, Bart Morrill, and Gordon Moon present, as well as Superintendent David Brotherson, and Business Administrator Dee E. Miles.

VISITORS:

Mary Ellen Kettle	Jeff Mathews	Aaron Weight	Nathan Wallace	Laura Baier
Bruce Guymon	Jesse Fieldsted	Alawna Eldredge	Braxton Hyde	Candice Slaugh
Dean Wilson	Lori Oman	Jason Young	Wyatt Cook	Mary Leach
Mike Lefler	Scott Forsyth	Rick Nielsen	Holly Whitlock	Lane Warenski
Rachel Wheeler	Jessica Forsyth	Jim Freston	Genny Felkins	
Jenn Wall	Kimberley Murray	Glen Simkins	Abby Wheeler	
Roxanne Slaugh	Tom Felkins	Darren Jenkins	Jared Rockwood	
Lee Nichole Maret	Chris Anderton	Hyrum Morley	Adam Rockwood	

WORK SESSION: The Board discussed school use in case of an emergency with the County Emergency Manager, Mike Leftler, and discussed building needs.

REGULAR SESSION: President Thacker called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Timothy offered prayer. Mr. Morrill led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

AGENDA, MINUTES: Mr. Richens moved and Mr. Morrill seconded to approve the agenda; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RECOGNITION: Jr. High orchestra students performed and presented their accomplishments at national competition. Frontier Grill and Tom Felkins were recognized with E3 awards.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: The Board reviewed reports from the administration. Lori Oman and Jesse Fieldsted reported on PLC teams that have expanded to all teachers this year.

OPEN TIME: At 7:28 p.m., President Thacker allowed anyone not on the agenda to address the Board. Adam Rockwood discussed his desire to provide athletic therapy services for high school students in coordination with Uintah Basin Medical Center. There being no one else desiring to comment, President Thacker closed open time at 7:37 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Thompson School – Superintendent Brotherson reported the women’s shelter committee was looking at another building they could get for free.
2. 2016-2017 Calendar – Results of a staff survey on four options resulted in a recommendation for calendar 2. Mr. Miles noted an adjustment to add two professional development days. Mr. Morrill moved to approve and Mr. Moon seconded; motion passed unanimously.
3. District Meeting Schedules – Mr. Richens moved to approve Mr. Morrill seconded; motion passed unanimously.
4. Preparation course for ACT – Dean Wilson reported on a plan to offer the course to Junior students. It would be a half year course. Students could opt out if they passed a pre-test. Mr. Richens moved to approve and Mr. Moon seconded; motion passed unanimously.
5. Edgenuity – Dean Wilson reported on a study of schools using it for core and make-up credit. It would enhance offerings at smaller schools. It creates an environment where each student progresses on their own level with the help of the teacher. Training for the teachers and administrators is critical for success of the new model along with an additional computer lab. Licenses could be used across the District. Mr. Morrill moved to approve \$15,000 for the lab and to approve travel for training, Mr. Moon seconded; motion passed unanimously.
6. Thinking Maps – Jason Young reported on the need for students to be able to think and analyze information. The maps provide eight structures that help visualize and organize. Administration proposed getting three people trained to then bring the program to all of the District’s schools. Mr. Timothy moved to approve Mr. Morrill seconded; motion passed unanimously.
7. School Plans – Mary Ellen Kettle reviewed the school improvement and professional development plans that accompany the reading and Trust Lands Plans. Mr. Richens moved to approve and Mr. Morrill seconded; motion passed unanimously.

8. Myton Title I Focus Plan – Jenn Wall presented how the school became a focus school and the work of an appraisal team. Behavior, reading disaggregation, small groups, PLC's and staff all appraised high. Math and science disaggregation and a school improvement plan were needed. The goals and plan were reviewed and student progress even this year has been significant. Incentives to motivate the family to improve student attendance have been implemented. A new parent communication tool is providing good results. Mr. Richens moved to approve and Mr. Morrill seconded; motion passed unanimously.
9. Senior Trip – Tabiona scheduled their Senior Trip to the Wasatch Front. Mr. Moon moved to approve and Mr. Richens seconded; motion passed unanimously.
10. Out of State Travel – Holly Whitlock presented a plan for FCCLA to travel to Washington, D.C. Altamont FBLA would like to travel to Nationals in Chicago. Mr. Morrill moved to approve, Mr. Richens seconded; passed unanimously. Jim Freston requested to take ten students to Kayenta, AZ for a small animal and equine week long event. Mr. Timothy moved to approve and Mr. Morrill seconded; motion passed unanimously.
11. Building Projects – Tony Grant reported bids on Kings Peak and Altamont Elementary would come in the next two weeks. Mr. Morrill reviewed the agreement with UBATC to purchase a portion of their property next to the new Union High site to better accommodate the students and moved to approve up to \$250,000 contingent on their cost to build a new driving range, and to approve a ninety-nine year lease for additional property to build a joint parking lot. Mr. Timothy seconded; passed unanimously.
12. Ballard City Easement – Superintendent Brotherson noted it creates and keeps a storm drain along 1500 east. They would also put in a sidewalk. Mr. Morrill moved to approve and Mr. Timothy seconded; motion passed unanimously.
13. Personnel – Mr. Moon moved and Mr. Richens seconded that the Board appoint David Brotherson, Superintendent of Schools, and Dee E. Miles, Business Administrator, for two years with terms beginning July 1, 2015; passed unanimously.

RECESS: At 8:55 p.m. President Thacker declared a five minute recess.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Class Size Targets – Bruce Guymon reported on the challenge to balance budgets and keep class sizes manageable. A new option to manage the process that is used by other districts is to allocate a number of FTE's to a school as a total and let the school administrator deal with individual grade needs and class sizes.
2. Textbook adoption – Jason Young reported on the need for a math textbook. It would take a year to evaluate map and prepare to implement a new book. Books have been slow catching up with the change in core curriculum. Electronic resources are decreasing some of the need for books. Mary Ellen Kettle noted the books are finally reaching the point where it would make sense.
3. Budget Projections – Mr. Miles noted a four percent increase in the WPU, a tax increase for buildings, and no retirement cost increase, would make for a good year.
4. Bond Services – Mr. Miles noted a financial advisor and bond council would be needed if the bond moves forward.
5. Graduation Assignment – The Board set their schedules to attend.
6. Building Energy Savings – Lane Warenski reviewed the energy savings of the program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Richens moved and Mr. Morrill seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel; aye votes: Mr. Thacker, Mr. Moon, Mr. Timothy, Mr. Richens, Mr. Morrill, nay votes: none. Motion passed. President Thacker closed the regular session at 9:42 p.m. Mr. Morrill moved and Mr. Timothy seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 10:20 p.m.; passed unanimously. President Thacker reopened the regular session at this time.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: President Thacker adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m. The next meeting will be at Duchesne County School District Office 50 E 100 S, Duchesne, Utah, on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 6 p.m.